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SUBJ: CSCE: EC-NINE PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL DECLARATION ON
MEDITERRANEAN

REFS: A) GENEVA 1843; B) GENEVA 1982; C) STATE 59882;

D) GENEVA 1744

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1. AT THEIR REQUEST WE MET APRIL 4 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ITALIAN DELEGATION REGARDING THEIR GENERAL DECLARATION ON MEDITERRANEAN. IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST FOR US COMMENTS ON SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF ITALIAN TEXT, WE SAID WE HAD EXPECTED A NEW ITALIAN SUGGESTION IN THE LIGHT OF TWO VERY CLEAR EXPRESSIONS OF US VIEWS BY AMBASSADOR SHERER IN NATO CAUCUS (REFS A AND B). WE THEN REITERATED THESE OBJECTIONS WITH STRESS ON PROPOSED DECLARATION'S DEPARTURE FROM HELSINKI MANDATE, ITS LEVERAGE FOR FURTHER MEDITERRANEAN INTRUSTION INTO PHASES OF CSCE AND FOLLOW-UP, POSSIBLE INJECTION OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, AND STRONG BILATERAL EUROPE-ARAB FLAVOR, ESPECIALLY IN ECONOMIC AREA.

2. ITALIANS PERSISTENTLY TRIED TO GET MORE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON THEIR SEPARATE MEDITERRANEAN DRAFT, WHICH THEY AGAIN TRIED TO JUSTIFY AS BEST WAY TO GIVE THE MEDITERRANEAN RELATIONSHIP AN ATTRACTIVE BUT INNOCUOUS WINDOW DRESSING. WE COUNTERED BY POINTING OUT THAT EVERY TIME THE NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES CAME INTO THE PICTURE AT CSCE THERE WERE MORE PROBLEMS AND DISRUPTING RAMIFICATIONS. WE ADVISED THEM TO STICK TO PROVISIONS IN BASKETS I AND II OF HELSINKI MANDATE, BEARING IN MIND US VIEWS REITERATED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE.

3. WE BELIEVE ITALIAN DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS US POSITION VERY WELL. THEY DESIRE TO HAVE ADDITIONAL US IDEAS AND PERHAPS FORMULATIONS "ON ASSUMPTION MEDITERRANEAN TEXT WOULD BE BROKEN DOWN INTO TWO PARTS." HOWEVER, HAVING OBTAINED EC NINE "POLITICAL DECISION" ON SEPARATE DECLARATION, THEY DID NOT APPEAR AS OF APRIL 4 MEETING TO BE COMPLETELY RESIGNED TO RETURNING TO DIVIDED TREATMENT OF MEDITERRANEAN ENVISAGED IN HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS. NINE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THIS QUESTION DURING THE EASTER BREAK. DALE

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